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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session, the item entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal".

2. At its 20th meeting, on 6 November 1998, the Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/53/105) concerning the vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal that will occur as a result of the expiration of the term of office of two of its members on 31 December 1998.

3. The Fifth Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/9) containing the names of three persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment to the Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

4. The Fifth Committee then proceeded to elect by secret ballot two persons from the candidates proposed. The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	177
Invalid ballots:	3
Number of valid ballots:	174
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	173
Required majority:	87

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Kevin Haugh	133
Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford	110
Mrs. Anna M. J. Magezi	91

5. Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland) and Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford (United States of America) were recommended for appointment as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999:

Mr. Kevin Haugh

Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford